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Philadelphia March 17th 1886

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I was advised in writing that letter that if suit had been brought, my liability on my bond could be determined on a case statd for the Court within a fortnight and that such was the speediest way; as however you inform me that the Treasury Department would hardly bring suit, it occurs to my counsel that a sum should be deposited by me to the credit of the present Superintendent to be covered in to the Treasury, if Congress shall not relieve me from liability, or that an order could be issued at the Treasury to stop my salary until the request contained in yours of February 25th. 1886 to Hon. Daniel M. Fox U.S. Mint at Philadelphia should be complid with.

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